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SUBJECT: GDR PROTEST TO FRG ON EC MEETINGS IN BERLIN

REF: USBER 174 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. AT THE JANUARY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP
(VON BRAUNMUEHL) SAID THAT WERNER BAUMGAERTL, DCM OF
THE GDR PERMANENT REPRESENTATION, HAD CALLED ON
MINISTERIAL DIRIGENT ERNST STERN OF THE FEDERAL
CHANCELLERY TO PROTEST THE HOLDING OF EP COMMITTEE
MEETINGS IN BERLIN. BAUMGAERTL SAID HE HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MEETINGS WERE ILLEGAL. IT WAS
AN ATTEMPT TO IGNORE THE STATUS OF BERLIN (WEST) AND TO
EXPAND THE COMPETENCE OF EC ORGANS. THE MEETINGS WERE
NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE QUADRI-
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PARTITE AGREEMENT AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE AND
NORMALIZATION.

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID BAUMGAERTL WENT ON TO SAY
THAT THE MEETINGS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE LEGAL AND
FACTUAL SITUATION. BERLIN WAS NOT AN INTEGRAL PART OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND COULD NOT BE

GOVERNED BY IT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE OTHERS INVOLVED SHOULD RESPECT THE STIPULATIONS OF THE QA AND NOT UNDERMINE THE COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

3. BAUMGAERTL CONCLUDED THAT THE GDR WAS JUSTIFIED IN RAISING THIS MATTER BECAUSE IT HAD ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE QA AND TO ITS REALIZATION. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WERE A RESULT OF THE BASIC TREATY (BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR), ACCORDING TO WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD TO CONTRIBUTE TO SECURITY AND DETENTE IN EUROPE.

4. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID STERN REJECTED THE DEMARCHE. HE TOLD BAUMGAERTL THAT, AS A NON-SIGNATORY, THE GDR COULD NOT AUTHORITATIVELY INTERPRET THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. STERN SAID THAT HE NEVERTHELESS HAD TO STATE THAT EP COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN BERLIN WERE IN COMPLETE CONFORMITY WITH THE QA. THE FRG WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE POWERS ON THIS POSITION. MEETINGS OF THIS TYPE WERE NOT FORBIDDEN BY THE QA AND WERE THUS PERMISSIBLE.

5. STERN ASKED BAUMGAERTL IF HE INTENDED TO PUBLICIZE THIS DEMARCHE. BAUMGAERTL REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT, NOR DID HE BELIEVE THE GDR FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD RELEASE IT. CONFIDENTIAL

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